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"(c) The Government have appointed one Provincial Marketing Officer and three Assistant Marketing Officers for marketing and they are attached to the Agricultural Department. The functions of the Marketing Officers are—

(1) conduct of market surveys;

(2) developmental work in marketing including fixation of standard grades, regulation of market, supply of market intelligence and information and submission of marketing schemes.

Each Assistant Marketing Officer is in charge of a group of commodities, namely—

(1) cereals and oil seeds;

(2) livestock and livestock products; and

(3) fruits, vegetable and special crops.

The regulated market committees under the Madras Commercial Crops Market Act are in charge of elected committees and employ their own staff from out of their funds. The marketing staff also render help and advice in regard to the working of the Commercial Crops Markets Act.

"(d) The question of undertaking legislation to regulate marketing of all agricultural produce on the lines of Central Marketing Bill is under the consideration of Government. The Government have also under consideration a five-year plan for development of co-operative marketing of agricultural produce and construction of godowns."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Have the Government at any time considered the question of attaching these Marketing Officers to the Co-operative Department?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"I do not think it has been considered yet."

Exclusion of pepper-vine from the list of 'garden' crops.

* 24 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what 'garden' crops are;

(b) whether pepper-vine in South Kanara is included in the list of 'garden' crops;

(c) whether pepper-vine is not treated as a 'garden' crop in Malabar;

(d) whether the Marjoribanks Committee (1937) recommended the exclusion of pepper-vine from the list of 'garden' crops in South Kanara also; and

(e) whether the Government have given effect to this recommendation and carried out necessary alterations in the assessment registers?

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THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The ' garden ' classification of land is peculiar to the West Coast districts of Malabar and South Kanara. Any garden that contained certain specified bearing trees in a certain specified number, is classified as ' garden '. The ' garden ' trees and the number per acre required for classification as ' garden ' in the two districts are as shown below :—

District.	Tree (bearingl).	Number per acre.
Malabar. ..	Coconut ..	10
	Jack ..	
	Areca ..	120
South Kanara ..	Coconut ..	10
	Jack ..	5 (except in the villages of the third and fourth groups where tree is not included in the list of ' garden ' trees).
	Areca ..	120
	Tamarind ..	5
	Pepper vine ..	40

" (*d*) Yes.

" (*e*) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir whether this question will be taken up when the land revenue reform is considered? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" Certainly, Sir."

Harijan hostels.

* 25 *Q*.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Harijan hostels in the Province maintained by (i) the Harijan Sevak Sangh and (ii) private agencies for which Government grant is given ; and

(*b*) the amount of the grants given by the Government to these various hostels?

THE HON. SRI V. KURMAYYA :—" (*a*) The Labour Department of the Government is giving grants to 49 hostels run by the Harijans Sevak Sangh and 23 hostels run by other private agencies.

" (*b*) The amount of lumpsum grants given to the hostels maintained by the Harijan Sevak Sangh is Rs. 1,73,850 and that paid to the hostels maintained by other private agencies is Rs. 81,420."

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